



Qwest Foundation & AzTEA Classroom Technology Integration Mini-Grant Application 2009-2010



Qwest & AzTEA invites AzTEA members and Arizona certified teachers in public, private and charter schools, kindergarten through 12th grade, to participate in the Classroom Technology Integration Mini-Grant Program.

The **purpose** of these mini-grants is to:

- Recognize Arizona PreK to 12th grade teachers who are using technology in innovative ways with students and focus on **STEM** (*Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics*)
- Increase awareness of how teachers are using technology in the classroom
- Models best practices with technology integration to improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering and math

Application 2009-2010 Deadline:

- Round 1 – December 16, 2009
- Round 2 – February 17, 2010

Eligibility:

Current AzTEA members who are Arizona certified PreK-12 school teachers are eligible to receive a maximum of one Mini-Grant award per individual application. A collaborative project may include previous winners, but not in the lead role. (This includes public, charter, and private school certified PreK-12 teachers.)

Applicants who are not selected for an award in the December deadline may reapply for the February submission deadline.

Selection Criteria:

The Qwest Foundation for Education Grant requires that the Mini-Grants be awarded through a competitive proposal process. Each Selection Committee member will receive 7-10 applications to read. Committee members will score the applications based on a scoring rubric that requires:

- Clear project goals, objectives & outcomes
- Alignment to the Arizona Technology Standards
- How technology is used in innovative ways with students tied to STEM
- How the project will impact student performance
- Budget is in-line with project goals, objectives & outcomes

Selection Committee:

All proposals will be read and judged by a statewide committee comprised of PreK-12 educators.

Full Applications requires the following:

- **Signed Assurance Sheet**
- **One page Persuasive introduction**
- **Two-Three Project narrative**
- **One page Budget narrative**
- **One page Budget sheet (maximum \$10,000)**

Pages must be double-spaced, 12 point font and ¾ inch margins. Total pages for a complete application is seven.

Required Presentation:

Educators who are awarded a Qwest/AzTEA Classroom Technology Integration Competitive Mini-Grant must agree to participate in a panel or poster session at the January – Teaching and Technology Conference, Tucson; or the May – WOW Conference, Phoenix.

Award Notification:

AzTEA will notify awarded grants at the AzTEA Teaching and Technology Conference, January 23, 2010, Tucson, and at the AzTEA Awards Banquet at MEC, March 15-17, 2010, Tempe. Award recipients not in attendance will receive notification by U.S. Postal Mail.

Submitting an Application:

Follow all guidelines, complete the assurance sheet, include all application pages. The application must be signed by the superintendent, principal and teacher or teacher team.

Note: Applications posted marked after deadline date will not be accepted.

Mail full signed application to:

Rick Baker, AzTEA President
AzTEA (AZ Technology in Education Alliance)
PMB 292
1753 E. Broadway, Ste #101
Tempe, AZ 85282

Additional Information:

- Call – 800.613.4524 (leave message)
- Email – qwestawards@aztea.org
- <http://www.aztea.org/content/qwest-grant>